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# Joint strike fighter makes flight

By Mr. Ray Johnson  
Air Force Flight Test Center  
Public Affairs

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AFPN) — One version of the Joint Strike Fighter program made its first flight early Monday.

Boeing's X-32A demonstrator landed here after making a 20-minute, 30-mile hop from the company's aircraft facility in nearby Palmdale.

The quick flight, which reached 10,000 feet, went smoothly, said Boeing JSF chief test pilot Mr. Fred Knox.

"The airplane is a pleasure to fly," Mr. Knox said after delivering the plane. "It is already showing the precise handling qualities we expected based on hundreds of hours of simulator work."

During the flight, Mr. Knox put the X-32A through several initial airworthiness tests, including flying qualities and sub-systems checkout. Another demonstrator for the JSF program, Lockheed's X-35A, is expected to arrive here within a few weeks.

However, when both aircraft are here, they will not compete in a fly-off. Rather, the Department of Defense is requiring that JSF aircraft successfully meet three objectives: commonality and modularity



Photo by Mr. Ron Bookout

**Joint Strike Fighter test pilot for Boeing's X-32A, Mr. Fred Knox, lands the demonstrator aircraft at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., Monday.**

among JSF variants; low-speed handling quality features for carrier flight; and short takeoff and vertical landing.

Both the X-32A and X-35A will be flown here for five months, with each making approximately 50 test flights totaling nearly 200 hours to validate the fighters' flying qualities and performance for conventional and aircraft carrier operations.

Following that initial phase of testing, an X-32B and X-35B, which are the short takeoff/vertical landing versions, will be tested at the Naval Air Station Patuxent

River test site in Maryland.

The JSF concept aims to have a single tactical fighter to be used by the Air Force, Navy, Marines and England's Royal Air Force and Navy, and is meant to replace the aging F-16 Fighting Falcon, the A-10 Thunderbolt II, the AV-8B Harrier and F/A-18 Hornet.

About 3,000 of the fighters will be built for U.S. and British forces. Another 3,000 will be built for various other allies. The cornerstone of the JSF program is affordability by reducing development cost, production cost and the cost of ownership.

## MIAs and POWs honored in ceremony

By Ms. Martine A. Ramos  
AWFC Public Affairs

Four local former prisoners of war were presented medals by Brig. Gen. Dave Moody, 57th Wing commander, in a Prisoner of War/Missing in Action commemoration ceremony Sept. 15 at Freedom Park.

More than 100 military people and members of the Southern Nevada community, as well as local news media, attended the ceremony honoring Daniel F. Atwell, Clifford J. Daniels, Jerry V. LeFors, Johnnie E. Phillips and the many still-missing service members.

"This is a day on which all Americans pause to pay tribute to those service members and civilians who answered our nation's call to duty and remain unaccounted for...and their families, all of whom have made extraordinary sacrifices on behalf of our great country," said Gen. Moody.

"I take this commemoration very seriously," said 1st Lt. Robert Gibbs, ceremony project officer. "The sacrifices that were made, most before I was born, make it possible for me to be proud to wear the uniform today."

The ceremony was very effectively concluded with a missing-man flyby of four F-16 Fighting

Falcons, flown by the 422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron.

There were 16 Nevadans and 13 Nellis servicemen listed as POW/MIA. The thirteen servicemen are David Allinson, Robert Brett, Robert Brown, Charles Caffarelli, William Campbell, William Coltman, David Cooley, Lawrence Helber, James Hockridge, Merrill Lewis, James McElvain, Robert Morrissey and Ronald Ward.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed each year on the third Friday of September. For more information on what is being done to account for all our missing heroes, visit [www.dtic.mil/dpmo](http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo).



# Space Command honors pioneers

By Ms. Lynn Gonzales  
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PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. (AFPN) — Air Force Space Command recognized three men who played prominent roles in Air Force early space and missile programs during a ceremony here Thursday.

Col. Joseph Kittinger Jr., Col. Thomas O'Regan Haig and Dr. Ruben "Rube" Mettler were presented with the Air Force Space and Missile Pioneers Award, which includes induction into the Air Force Space and Missile Pioneers Hall of Fame.

Col. Kittinger, Col. Haig and Dr. Mettler made significant contributions to many of the Air Force's and the nation's advances in space and

missile technology during the 1950s and 1960s.

Col. Kittinger participated in the early stratospheric balloon programs, Projects Man High and Excelsior, and holds world records for a series of parachute jumps that provided some of the earliest data on the effects of a near-space en-

vironment on the human body. Kittinger was shot down in his F-4 Phantom over Hanoi and served 10 months as a prisoner of war. He went on to command an F-4 squadron and served as vice commander of an F-4 fighter wing.

Col. Haig played an important role in precursor programs to the

control centers.

Dr. Mettler managed the development program for Thor, the first Air Force missile to use inertial guidance. Following the program's success in 1956, he oversaw system engineering and technical direction for the Minuteman intercontinental ballistic missile program for three years.

The Air Force Space and Missile Pioneers Award Program began in 1989 with the National Space Club's selection of 10 space pioneers.

The program was formalized in 1997 as the Air Force Space and Missile Pioneers Award during the Air Force's 50th Anniversary celebrations. With the induction of Kittinger, Haig and Mettler, the Hall of Fame will include 21 members.

**With the induction of these three men, the Air Force Space and Missile Hall of Fame will include 21 members.**

vironment on the human body.

In 1960, he parachuted from a balloon at an altitude of 102,800 feet, breaking the sound barrier before his chute opened 16 miles and 4 minutes and 36 seconds later.

As an Air Force pilot, he flew several operational and experimental

Air Force's Defense Meteorological Satellite Program.

In the 1960s, he led efforts which laid the groundwork for today's weather and environmental satellites by developing early military systems to monitor cloud cover and establishing a network of ground stations and

## Revamped POV shipment system a customer pleaser

By Ms. Rudi Williams  
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ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AFPN) — It used to be service members who shipped privately owned vehicles to Europe never knew where their wheels were until the freighter arrived at Bremerhaven, Germany. And that could take several weeks. Then, they had to catch the "duty train" or hitch a ride to Bremerhaven to claim their vehicles and drive them back to their home station.

That is all passé now.

Nowadays, the Military Traffic Management Command in Alexandria, Va., uses computers and the Internet to ensure customers can locate their vehicles 24 hours a day. And it's easy. All they have to do is visit the "where is my POV?" Web site at [www.whereismypov.com](http://www.whereismypov.com) and enter their order number and last name. Presto! Their vehicle's location appears on the computer monitor.

If members prefer, they can obtain the same information by calling the toll-free phone number of their nearest vehicle-processing center.

That is just two of several customer-pleasing features in Department of Defense's Global POV Single Contractor Program implemented nearly two years ago, according to Mr. Charles Helfrich, a team leader and traffic management specialist.

The new system has proven to be a customer pleaser because it's faster, easier to use and more efficient. More than 75,000 vehicles pass through the command's full-service POV service sites worldwide every year.

"We ship to any country in the world where Americans are stationed, including to countries where we don't have much presence, like Israel, Ecuador and Russia," Mr. Helfrich said. "But the main focus is on Europe — Italy, Germany, Turkey, England and Spain."

Improved services means the days when service members spent long hours trying to process their vehicles are gone forever, Mr. Helfrich said.

"When a person enters a full-service vehicle processing center, the contractors are required to process them within one hour," he said. "We still have some partial service DOD processing

sites that are not held to the one-hour requirement in Japan, Okinawa, Greece and Bahrain. Contractors for those facilities are hired locally."

Customers are getting their vehicles much faster than they used to. "Our contractor has been beating our transit time by as much as 15 to 20 days. Contractors are paying more attention because the money is coming right out of their pockets instead of taxpayers' pockets."

Mr. Helfrich said the incentive for faster service is the contractor doesn't get paid until the customer picks up the vehicle. Customers can make it easier for themselves by removing all personal items, such as tape recorders, radios and other small electronics, before arriving at the processing center, he said.

Household items, camping equipment, and flammable and hazardous substances such as waxes, oils, paints, solvents and polishes must be removed before shipping. Propane tanks must be purged and certified before the vehicle is turned in.

For more information call the Traffic Management Office at 652-6683.

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# 101 days of summer wrap up safely

WASHINGTON- The Air Force's 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign wrapped up on Labor Day, marking the second best year in the number of fatalities since the beginning of the program in the early 1970s.

The Air Force had 19 fatalities this summer, which according to Maj. Gen. Tim Peppe, Air Force chief of safety, is still too many.

"Even one fatality is one too many," he said. "We're not satisfied; we never want to lose a member of our Air Force family."

Over the last three years, fatalities declined during the campaign. Last year's campaign had 18 fatalities, a decline from the 20 re-

corded in 1998. Gen. Peppe attributes the decline to the increased emphasis and programs touted by major command leadership as well as squadron and detachment commanders.

"People are thinking more about safety and risk management," he said. "Commanders are continually refining their programs and talking more about safety to their people." Of the 19 fatalities, two were alcohol-related, and three were motorcycle mishaps.

"Alcohol was not as big a factor as in years past," Gen. Peppe said. "Many squadrons and wings are aggressively conducting programs such as the designated driver."

## **Nellis' 101 Critical Days of Summer mishap statistics**

**Deaths: 0**

**Injuries: 11**

Sports and recreation: 4

Industrial: 1

4-wheeled vehicle: 3

2-wheeled vehicle: 1

Miscellaneous: 2

The general said that even though the campaign has ended, safety should still remain in everyone's mind.

"Everyone should take steps in operational risk management, whether on-duty or off-duty, whether in groups or individually. People should identify potential hazards and assess how to avoid them. It's vital that we embrace the concerns and communicate safety, not only during the summer months, but throughout the year," he said.

**Editor's note: Information provided by the Air Warfare Center Safety Office.**

## Former POWs may qualify for Purple Heart

**By Mr. Gerry Gilmore  
American Forces Press Service**

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Former American prisoners of war may be eligible to receive the Purple Heart medal due to a little-publicized four-year-old change in the award rules.

President John F. Kennedy started the change by signing Executive Order 11-1016 on April 25, 1962. Until that time, service members could receive the Purple Heart only during a formally declared state of war. President Kennedy's order made it possible to award the medal even without a formal declaration of war.

The 1962 order didn't specifically mention prisoners of war or their eligibility because of wounds and injuries suffered in captivity.

An Army policy change dated Sept. 27, 1962, allowed Purple Heart awards henceforth to members who become prisoners of war and are wounded or injured by their captors.

Neither President Kennedy's executive order nor the Army change was retroactive. No former prisoners of war of any service, living and dead, who were wounded or injured during captivity before April 25, 1962, were eligible until Congress passed legislation as part of the 1996 National Defense Authorization Act.

Prior to the 1996 legislation, for instance, none of the 140,000 U.S. service members who surrendered to the Japanese in the Philippines in May 1942 could qualify for a Purple Heart. Also ineligible were the thousands of former prisoners of war who came later in World War II and in the Korean War.

Since 1996, a number of World War II and Korean War veterans applied for



***This award, adapted from the original Purple Heart established by Gen. George Washington in 1782, is conferred on any person wounded in action while serving with the U.S. armed forces. It is also awarded posthumously to the next of kin of people killed or who died of wounds received in action after April 5, 1917.***

Purple Hearts on the basis of wounds and injuries received while they were POWs, officials of the Army's Military Awards Branch said.

Supporting documentation is required and may include copies of repatriation medical exams, or a witness statement from a cell mate, for example, stating abuse during capture. The injuries or wounds must be deliberately inflicted by captors, officials said. Injuries received while on work detail, probably would not qualify, but all applications will be considered.

A recent example of troops earning the Purple Heart while held captive occurred more than a year ago in the Balkans. Serbian forces captured three U.S. soldiers on March 31, 1999. The Americans endured frequent beatings until their May 2 release. All three received the Purple Heart.

Assistants at the Military Order of the Purple Heart headquarters in Springfield, Va., said veterans applying for the medal should use Standard Form 180, "Request Pertaining to Military Records," readily available at Department of Veterans Affairs service and medical centers; or online.

The back of the form includes instructions and mailing addresses which differ by applicant's service and rank.

**Editor's note: Applicants can contact the local Veterans Affairs office or visit the Department of Veterans Affairs Web site at [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) or call toll free at 1-800-827-1000. The Standard Form 180 can be downloaded by going to the <http://web1.whs.osd.mil/forms/SF0180.PDF>. Nellis Military Personnel Flight does not have the authorization to process applications for the Purple Heart medal.**



## Action Line

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**652-4636**



Col. Del Eulberg 99th Air Base Wing commander

Nellis' Action Line is your direct line to the 99th Air Base Wing commander, Col. Del Eulberg. If you have worked through normal channels and are not satisfied

with the answer, the Action Line is your opportunity to ask questions or make suggestions about the subjects of concern to the Nellis community.

Please leave your name and phone number in case more specific information is required. You may also use our e-mail at: [commander.action@nellis.af.mil](mailto:commander.action@nellis.af.mil). Action Lines of general interest will be published in the Bullseye; others will be answered by phone. Remember, the quickest and most efficient way to solve a problem is to talk directly to the office that is responsible. This gives them a chance to help you and perhaps improve the process.

### Helpful phone numbers

BX Customer Service - 644-2044

Commissary - 643-7919

Child Development Center I - 652-4241

Child Development Center II - 652-5885

# Why are there dangerous, uncovered holes in the family housing area?



I have some concerns about the holes that are being left uncovered because of construction in family housing. My daughter was hurt by falling in a hole yesterday. I have tried to go through the correct channels and it just doesn't seem to be a big concern. If you could please call me back on this it would be appreciated. Thank you.



Thank you for identifying this safety concern. Safety plays a major role in all of our operations and your call through the correct channels did lead to resolving this problem. As it turns out, one of our engineering technicians responded from home, after duty hours, in order to assess the situation and cover the hole.

Our technician discovered that the contractor tasked with replacing some of our aging sewer and water lines didn't adequately cover the shallow ditch near your home. Our technician met with the contractor and re-addressed specific instructions in regard to barricading and covering excavated areas. Thanks again for your concern.

## Red Flag's 25th Anniversary

**Red Flag will celebrate its 25th anniversary November 10 and 11. Nellis will host a golf tournament at Sunrise Vista Golf Club with a formal dinner to follow. Guest speaker to be announced. For more information, call Lt. Col. Paul Geier at 652-4440.**







# Nellis people run AF marathon with high-tech timers on shoes

By Ms. Monique Staskiewicz  
AWFC Public Affairs

Technology has advanced in the world of marathons and the fourth annual U.S. Air Force Marathon held at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, was no exception. The scientific timing chip to monitor times was placed on all Air Force participants.

The timing chip was fitted to the runner's shoelaces and gave accurate readings for each runner's time.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ashley Sorrels  
**Airman 1st Class Frank Lowery, 99th Medical Group, training in Freedom Park.**

"Your time doesn't start until you cross the starting line," said Senior Master Sgt. James Wood, Thunderbirds sortie generation superintendent. "After they shoot the gun to start the race, the herd of runners take off and the timer is activated only by crossing the line, not from the initial gun shot."

Three military members and one civilian participated for Nellis' base team and their recorded times from the shoe chip were; 3:31 for Airman 1st Class Frank Lowery, 99th Medical Group, 3:43 for Tech. Sgt.

John Campbell, Joint Fire Control Center, 3:51 for Sgt. Wood and 4:15 for Mr. Tony Taylor, 99th Mission Support Squadron.

All scores are available on the web site: [afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil](http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil). Nellis base team placed 10th out of 37 marathon teams.

"We had a nice cross section of the base," said Sgt. Wood. "We had an airman, NCO, senior NCO and a civilian."

The USAF Demonstration Team, the Thunderbirds, also participated in the four-person relay race finishing 115th out of 250 relay teams with a time of 3:39.

"We had a great time," said Master Sgt. Donnie McCracken, Thunderbirds. "Awesome teamwork! We trained hard to push ourselves to the limit on each of our legs. The run was easier than I thought it was going to be due to the hype among all the runners and perfect running weather."

The marathon began with the Air Force's Special Tactics and Rescue Specialist, STARS,

parachute demonstration team.

"The parachute demonstration to start the event was outstanding," said Mr. Taylor. "It was just becoming daylight and you could just see them in the sky."

"An F-15 flew by and at the last minute went vertical right by the moon," said Sgt. Wood. "That was very beautiful."

The 26.2 mile marathon had attracted approximately 3,000 runners. Entry levels included: individual, wheelchair, four-person relay team and three to five-marathon team.

"The course was fairly hilly but I didn't mind the humidity difference compared to Vegas," said Mr. Taylor. "We were a little cold before the race because the temperature was 45 degrees and no one wanted to get out of the warm car to start the race."

The course's largest increase of elevation was at the start of the race, 165 feet over 1.7 miles.

"Ohio has lower elevation than Vegas so we had an advantage as runners," said Sgt. Wood.

Throughout the course the runners could stop to refresh themselves.

"This was my first time running and it was very challenging," said Sgt. Campbell. "The way they had the marathon set up, they gave excellent support. Every mile we had water and every so often they had fruit."

"When you run a marathon this long, you always want to run the second part of the marathon faster than the first part," said Sgt. Wood. "It is hard to pace yourself because of the adrenaline and excitement. Your brain wants your body to go, but you have to make yourself slow down or you'll never make it."

The timing chip was monitored during the race and gave runners their times at the 5-, 12- and 19.5-mile markers during the race.

"The chip was checked at certain points throughout the course," said Mr. Taylor. "When you passed a marker a screeching sound could be heard from your foot."

"My family is from Springfield, Ohio, which is about 20 miles away from Wright Patterson, AFB," said Sgt. Campbell. "It was great hearing my family cheer at the finish line."

"As soon as you crossed the finish line, they were right there removing your chip," said Sgt. Wood. "The Air Force had a quality marathon. Even though most runners stumbled over the finish line, it was decorated beautifully with static airplanes and an arch of balloons."

"We couldn't have participated in such a great event without the support from Nellis' leadership," said Sgt. Wood. "This is my second Air Force marathon and I loved having the opportunity."

The base team is looking for a fifth member to participate in their next event, the Las Vegas marathon Feb. 4. Interested runners can call Sgt. Woods at 652-9922.



# DoD wide: replace all high-mercury fluorescent lamps

By Ms. Linda Cardenas  
99th Civil Engineer Squadron

A typical fluorescent lamp, such as those commonly used in offices, hospitals, warehouses, and retail establishments, can contain mercury at high enough levels to cause them to be labeled as a hazardous waste material.

These high-level mercury lamps are strictly regulated and cannot be disposed as regular trash. High-mercury lamps, including the glass from broken lamps, must be managed and disposed in accordance with the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. RCRA violations can run as high as \$27,500 per day, per violation.

In April, Col. Del Eulberg, 99th Air Base Wing commander, signed a policy letter making it mandatory to purchase only low-mercury fluorescent lamps.

The local base supply center currently stocks low-mercury lamps. You may also purchase them directly from base supply or off the internet at [www.lcibsc.com](http://www.lcibsc.com). Unlike the older high-mercury lamps, low-mercury fluorescent lamps require no special handling procedures and can be disposed in dumpsters, along with other non-regulated refuse.

During the phase-out period, both types of lamps will be used at Nellis, and care must be taken to ensure that proper management practices are followed.

Facility Managers must ensure that all personnel responsible for disposal of fluorescent lamps are adequately trained in proper procedures for each type of lamp.

For high-mercury lamps, recent changes in the Environmental Protection Agency's hazardous waste regulations allow them to be managed as "universal waste" under more relaxed management standards. The new standards, which also apply to batteries, certain pesticides, and thermostats, provide relief from the full regulations by simplifying collection and management requirements.

Under the new regulations, spent fluorescent lamps (including high intensity discharge, neon, mercury vapor, high pressure sodium, and metal halide) must be collected in boxes or containers marked with the words "universal waste lamps" and the date that the first lamp was placed in the container.

Nellis Air Force Base Plan 12 requires generators of universal waste to turn in their universal waste to a 90-day accumulation site within nine months of the date marked on the container. This ensures ample time to ship the waste off-site within the one-year time limit established by federal law.

Purchasing low-mercury lamps will greatly ease regulatory burden. Until all of the hazardous lamps are changed, universal waste lamps must be managed in authorized locations to allow proper oversight by Environmental Flight personnel.

To obtain authorization forms, collection containers or additional information, please contact Ms. Cardenas, 99th Civil Engineer Squadron, at 652-6107.

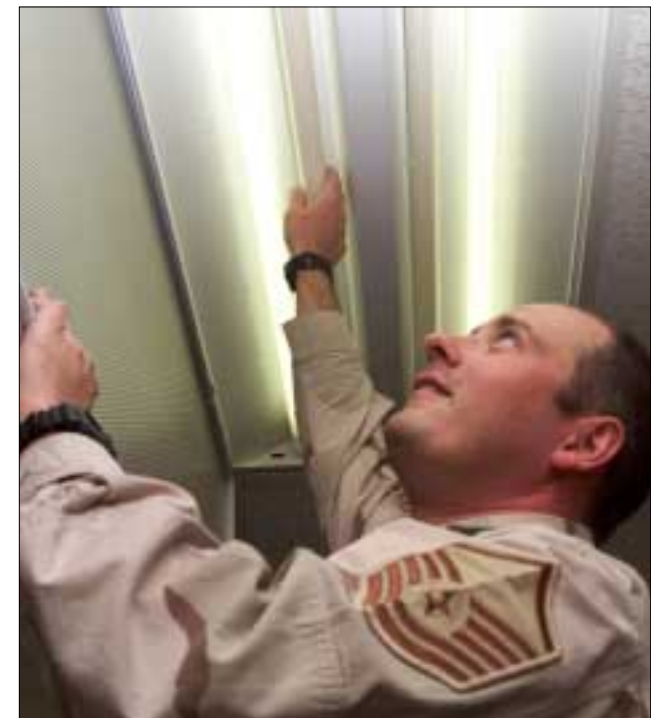


Photo by Airman 1st Class Ashley Sorrels

**Master Sgt. Rick Pratt, 422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, replaces an old fluorescent tube with one of the new low-mercury bulbs.**



# Warrior of the Week

**Airman 1st Class Matthew Brown**



**Unit:** 57th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

**Duty Title:** Aerospace Ground Equipment Journeyman

**Hometown:** White City, Ore.

**Time in Air Force:** 2 years and 3 months

**Time at Nellis:** 1 year and 7 months

**Hobbies:** Four-wheeling off-road, swimming, going to the gym

**If I could change one thing about Nellis?** I would like a flightline dining hall open on the weekends.

**What's my favorite Air Force memory?** When the Canadian Snowbirds, Navy Blue Angels and the Thunderbirds flew together here, it was great!

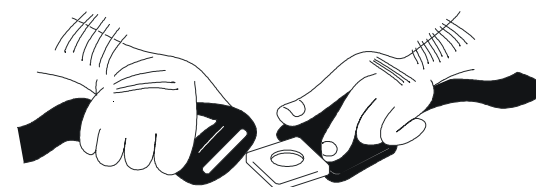


Photo by Airman 1st Class Ashley Sorrels

## Military appreciation picnic today

The Nellis community is invited to a free picnic sponsored by North Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce today at 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Nellis' Freedom Park. The celebration includes food, entertainment, prize drawings, volleyball and softball. See page 22 for more information.

***Buckle up and be safe!***







# Be sure to know political do's, don'ts

By Mr. Walter Pupko  
Air Force Material Command Law Office

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFPN) — This is a presidential election year, and when interest in politics is at its highest. In addition to electing a new president and vice president, there will be elections for members of Congress, state and local officials and various other matters.

The Department of Defense civilian employees and service members are encouraged to exercise their right to vote for the candidates of their choice.

However, in order to ensure there is not even the appearance of official endorsement of any candidate or other partisan political issue, there are restrictions on military members and DOD civilian employees' other political activities. Some people may not know what they are and are not permitted to do. Unless otherwise noted, the rules listed below are the same for both DOD civilian employees and military members.

## **Political Don'ts**

Political activities that appear to be official are strictly prohibited.

Do not engage in political activity while on duty or in a government office.

Do not use official authority or influence to interfere with an election.

Do not solicit or discourage political activity of anyone having business with one's agency.

Military members may not allow, or cause to be published, partisan political articles signed or authorized by the member for soliciting votes for or against a partisan political party or candidate.

## **Voicing opinions**

As noted above, you are permitted to vote in elections. You are also permitted to express opinions about candidates and issues, as long as you do not do so as a representative of the Air Force. There are some limits, however, on how you may express your opinions.

Civilian employees may send letters to the editor to support a candidate, but military people may only send letters to the editor expressing their views on public issues that do not involve a partisan political cause.

You may have a sign supporting a candidate outside your house (but military people living in base housing should consult their legal office).

You may have a bumper sticker on your car, and you may wear a button when you are off-duty, away from the work place and not in uniform.

## **Campaign contributions**

Political campaigns need money. Civilian employees and military service members who wish to contribute to a political campaign may do so, as long as they make their monetary contributions to a political organization or political committee favoring a particular candidate. They may not, however, make contributions directly to a political candidate.

Civilian employees cannot solicit or receive political contributions (there is a limited exception for labor or other employee organizations).

Military members may not solicit or otherwise engage in fund-raising activities in federal facilities, may not otherwise solicit contributions from other military or civilian employees, and may not sell tickets for or otherwise promote political fund-raising events.

## **Civilian vs military restrictions**

The restrictions on political activities are less severe for civilian employees than for military people.

Civilian employees may join and be an active member of a political party or club, may campaign for or against a candidate in a partisan political campaign, make campaign speeches for candidates, distribute campaign literature, sign nominating petitions, attend and be active at political rallies and meetings and participate in voter registration drives.

Military members may join a political club and attend meetings when not in uniform and may sign nominating petitions.

Military members may not participate in partisan political campaigns, march or ride in a partisan political parade, participate in partisan political campaigns or make public speeches in the course of such activity and may not speak before a partisan political gathering to promote a partisan political candidate.

Civilian employees may be candidates for public office in nonpartisan elections; however, military people generally may not be candidates for public office, even in nonpartisan elections.

The U.S. Office of Special Counsel is responsible for implementing the restrictions that apply to civilian employees' political activities.

Permitted and prohibited political activities for Air Force members can be found in Air Force Instruction 51-902.

For information on voting, call Maj Deborah Milano, Nellis voting project officer at 652-3475.

For more information on voting restrictions 652-5407.





# Gear-up: ECAMP set to begin on Oct. 2

By Ms. Alma Alanis-Marlin  
99th Civil Engineer Squadron

The next internal Environmental Compliance and Management Assessment is scheduled to begin Oct. 2 and run through Oct. 6 for both Nellis and the Range Complex.

ECAMP is the process that assists commanders in assessing the status of their environmental programs and helps to identify and track solutions to environmental problems.

"There are a variety of objectives to ECAMP,"



**Incorrect storage of hazardous waste.**

according to Mr. Roger Christensen, ECAMP manager. "One is to eliminate underlying environmental problems through root cause analysis and to identify environmental problems for current or future compliance requirements."

Commanders can evaluate the effectiveness of their internal environmental management programs through the Environmental Management Self-Assessment Tool.

The ECAMP team is comprised of base volunteers. During the week, seven environmental protocols will be examined: hazardous waste management, hazardous material management, pesticide management, wastewater management, water quality and air quality management, and toxic substances management. These protocols were chosen based upon the potential for problems that were identified during the last external ECAMP.

The Air Force ECAMP program has been recognized as a shining example of excellence in



Photos by Mr. Roger Christensen

**Mr. Gordon Eccles, 99th Civil Engineer Squadron, removes an improperly disposed paint can from the trash bin.**

environmental auditing.

Proof of the success of this self-inspection program is the downward trend of enforcement actions throughout the Air Force. Nellis has been enforcement free since 1996 and this is partly due to all the hard work and dedication people provide in making ECAMP a successful program.

For more information, call Mr. Christensen at 652-3159.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ashley Sorrels

## New pill dispensing system!

***Airman 1st Class Jessica Leverino, 99th Medical Group, adds pills to the new robotic prescription dispensing system used to fill prescriptions at the satellite pharmacy. The newly acquired machine performs the time consuming and tedious tasks of counting pills, filling vials and labeling prescriptions. Bar code technology is used throughout the system to ensure that the correct drug is given to the patient. The machine will fill more than 7,000 prescriptions out of the 20,000 refills the pharmacy processes monthly.***





# ACC security forces compete in annual Contending Warrior

By Staff Sgt. Jerome Baysmore  
**Contending Warrior**  
**Public Affairs**

More than 100 people from Air Combat Command security forces are competing for the gold in Contending Warrior '00 at Nellis.

This annual competition runs through Saturday to gauge the individual security forces teams' war-fighting skills and select the best defenders to participate in the Air Force Security Forces 2000 Defender Challenge Competition.

"Contending Warrior is an ACC competition," said Master Sgt. Mike Bennett, 99th Ground Combat Training Flight ground weapons training NCOIC. "It's sole purpose is to pick the team that goes on to 'Defender Challenge' this year."

Sgt. Bennett explained the week-long competition is designed to test the participant's physical fitness, and force protection and weapons capabilities.

One of the ways fitness is tested is by running an obstacle course that challenges the individuals' confidence and maneuverability skills. The teams also hone their skills in the force protection part of the exercise by utilizing their combat tactics and defending themselves in realistic scenarios similar to what they would face in a real-world environment.

Competitors also fire the M-9 pistol, M-16 rifle, M-60 machine gun and M-203 grenade launcher during the weapons part of the competition.

Although the competition was created to test the security forces teams' war-fighting skills, its main focus is on safety.

"I am here to ensure all the orders of fire instructions are written correctly and are conducted in as safe a manner as possible," said Master Sgt. Mark Kramer, ACC weapons competition officer and combat arms



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jerome Baysmore

***With only a few seconds to decide if it's a good guy or bad guy, a security forces' member takes aim at one of the many pop-up targets on the pistol course. In a real situation, he could take too long and be dead or shoot too quickly and kill an innocent bystander or hostage.***

program manager from Langley Air Force Base, Va. "All the course briefings are placed on a CD so every competitor hears the same instructions. After the briefings, the participants have the opportunity to ask any final questions they might have before the firings begin."

"We're trying to make the events as realistic and as safe as possible to send the best contenders in ACC for the Air Force-level competition," Sgt. Kramer said.



# Recycling center available to community

By Ms. Alma Marlin  
**99th Civil Engineer  
Squadron**

Recycling saves energy, thereby reducing acid rain, global warming and air pollution. Recycling conserves our valuable natural resources, and cuts down on landfill use. Recycling really does help in protecting our environment.

"Nellis has an active recycling program," according to Mr. Kenneth Alexander, base recycling manager. "We recycle the usual; cardboard, paper and aluminum cans. But we also recycle laser printer cartridges, CD-ROM disks, lead acid batteries, wire, cable, steel, rubber, light tin, fuel filters, used petroleum products, antifreeze and grease to name a few."

All Nellis personnel are encouraged to recycle. The Recycling Center, in

Bldg. 461, is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 4 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to noon.

Another convenient location is the Community Recycling Drop Off Site, located in the northwest corner of the Commissary parking lot. This site has white recycling dumpsters for aluminum cans, paper products and broken down cardboard.

Recyclable products should be placed inside the white dumpsters and not on the ground or against the fence enclosure. The recycling contractor will not pick up items left outside the dumpster. This will assist in keeping the area clean, uncluttered and available for everyone's use.

Military family housing residents are provided red, white and blue recycling bins for use at their homes. If bin space becomes full,

residents can place additional recyclables in bags and set them next to the bins on their recycling pick-up day.

Nellis will participate in America Recycles Day Nov. 15. This national day of recycling encourages families to take advantage of recycling.

Families are asked to pledge their support for the program by recycling household items and to look for recycled products when shopping.

After the drive, pledges are reported to the Nevada state legislature and are considered a gauge to how much Nevada will recycle.

Pledges will be accepted at the Home and Garden Center Nov. 15 and throughout the month of October at Lomie Heard Elementary School.

For additional information, go to [www.americarecyclesday.org/homepage.html](http://www.americarecyclesday.org/homepage.html) or call 652-5270.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ashley Sorrels

**Airman 1st Class Denise Kent, 99th Communications Squadron, adds paper to the recycle bin.**





# Daughter visits father's memorial

By Tech. Sgt. Richard Covington  
AWFC Public Affairs

The daughter and granddaughter of deceased Col. John Richard Boyd recently traveled to Nellis to pay respect to him and his life accomplishments.

"He loved flying and he loved the Air Force," said Mrs. Mary Ellen Holton about her father, Col. Boyd, as she looked at the display of her father's memorabilia in a Nellis building dedicated to him.

The United States Weapons School Adversary Tactics Support building was dedicated to her father in September 1999. Severe weather on the East Coast, where she lived, meant canceling her plans to attend the building's dedication ceremony last year. However, she said she still had a ticket and wanted to show her 11-year-old daughter, Rebah Holton, the building and memorabilia.

"People used to refer to my dad as being a part of the 'Fighter Mafia'," said Mrs. Holton. Nicknames given to him also include "40-Second Boyd" and "Genghis John" for his ability to take out almost anyone in air-to-air combat and his aggressive stand on air power.

According to Col. Burton M. Fields,



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Richard Covington

**Plaque dedicated to Col. John Richard Boyd on United States Weapons School Adversary Tactics Support building.**

USAFWS commandant, Col. Boyd was one of the founding fathers of modern jet-fighting aviation. In the 1960s and 1970s, Col. Boyd developed and refined many of the fighter tactics used today.

According to Mrs. Holton and Col. Fields, not only did her father impact the Air Force, but also the U.S. Navy and Marines. For example, upon her father's death in March 9, 1997, the Marines immediately requested her father's personal notes. Those notes are now kept at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.

Because of his OODA (Observe - Orient - Decide - Act Loop) concept and his

"take the enemy out" philosophy, Mrs. Holton said many other services and businesses asked her father for advice.

He also taught air combat tactics at the Air Force Fighter Weapons School Instructor Course in the 1950s, the forerunner of today's USAF Fighter Weapons School.

The USAF Weapons School provides the world's most advanced training in weapons and tactics employment to combat air force officers.



**Mrs. Mary Ellen Holton and Rebah Holton, mother and daughter, look at a sketch of their father and grandfather, Col. John Richard Boyd. They were at Nellis recently to see the United States Weapons School building and display that is dedicated to Col. Boyd.**



# Bowling alley gets facelift

By Ms. Monique Staskiewicz  
AWFC Public Affairs

The bowling alley has many new improvements. Along with a facelift, the computer system was revamped and players can now enjoy a multitude of video games while bowling.

"Everything that is up on the monitors related to the scoring system is new," said Mr. Richard Oak, bowling center manager. "The computers have bowling games, such as Tic Tac Toe, Pogo Pete and Poker. Squadrons can use Pogo Pete, for example, to randomly select a bowler for prizes. There are many different programs for people to use and we can set it up for them."

Thunder Alley is one of the most popular games played at the bowling alley Fridays and Saturdays at 9 p.m.

"Thunder Alley is glow-in-the-dark bowling," said Mr. Oak. "This is the rage. We have black lights that make the balls and pins glow."

"Rock 300 is a radio station that airs at centers

having Thunder Alley. Patrons can call the disc jockey and he will play the requested music while they bowl."

Thunder Alley is also available on one Sunday a month for families and kids who want to participate in the glow-in-the-dark bowling.

"The last Sunday of every month from noon to 4 p.m. we have a special program for families and

about 45 years old," said Mr. Oak. "We had a lot of breakdowns because of the age of the equipment. The new pinsetters are much more reliable."

The bowling alley also updated the interior and added new ball returns.

"The outside still needs improvements," said Mr. Oak. "And, we would like to add more lanes in the future."

"The base is authorized

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**The Nellis Bowling Alley won best in Air Combat Command. See next week's Bullseye for details.**

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their kids," said Mr. Oak. "This is a better time than in the evenings when Thunder Alley is usually played."

Another special includes dollar Mondays, where bowlers can get every game for a buck.

The snack bar also has a new point-of-sale cash register to make food services more efficient. The new system speeds up the orders from the snack bar, said Mr. Oak.

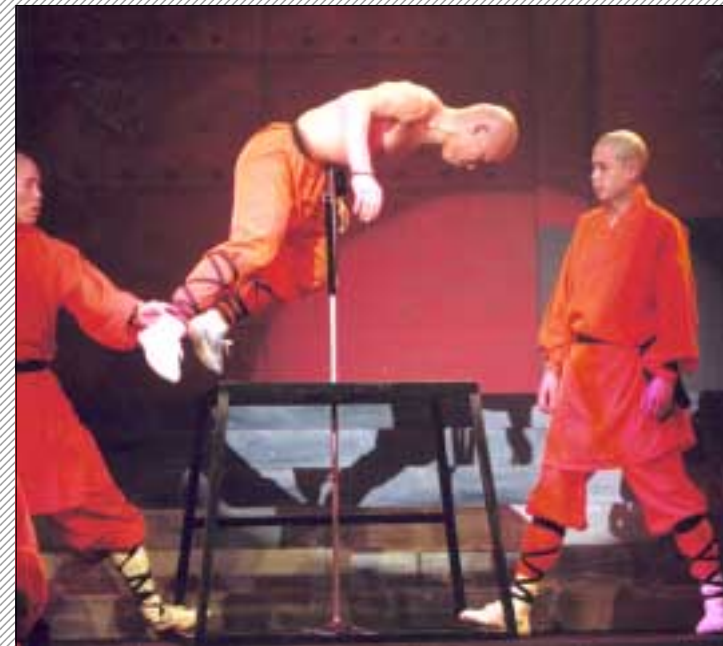
Brand new pinsetters were installed several weeks ago.

"The old pinsetters were

24 lanes in the original contract and that is what we would like to have in the future," said Mr. Oak. "That would make it easier to run the leagues and open bowling. We could utilize 32 lanes but we are taking one step at a time."

The bowling alley is creating handicap and scratch bowling leagues in November and would like to implement Professional Bowling Association tournaments one Saturday a month. For more information, call the Bowling Alley at 652-2170.

## *Shaolin Monks perform today at Freedom Park*



Courtesy Photo

**Nellis Appreciation Day will have China's Shaolin Monks perform at noon in Freedom Park. Known internationally for their physical prowess, the Shaolin Monks rarely leave their secluded monastery in China. The monks have been a part of the Chinese culture and tradition for more than 1,500 years and are looked upon as the "Jewels of China." Nellis F-16s will perform a four-ship flyover at 3:15 p.m.**





# Furniture sales offer quality, low prices

By Ms. Monique Staskiewicz  
AWFC Public Affairs

The nonappropriated funds property sale by the 99th Services Squadron was held last week next to the Outdoor Recreation Center to help get rid of unwanted property.

Items for sale included lamps, headboards and frames, tables, desks and assorted chairs.

"We take any item that a squadron wants to sell," said Mr. Richard Ingram, 99th Supply Squadron. "We take anything from an old desk to typewriters, lamps--anything that isn't being used but still has life in it, we will sell."

NAF property sales are held periodically throughout the year. Items are sold at very reasonable prices.

"This is a great deal for any young airman needing furniture," said Mr. Ingram. "The prices are unbeatable."

The cost ranges from \$1 to \$6 on home furnishings, and the biggest item for sale was a 1991 24-passenger Diamond bus having a starting bid of \$6,000.

"If we receive a lot of items, we will create an extra sale just to clear out the storage," said Mr. Ingram.

The sale grossed about \$1,500. For more information about the sales, call 652-8967.

## Today's History

In 1862 President Abraham Lincoln announced at a cabinet meeting that he intended to issue the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring all slaves in rebel states should be free as of Jan. 1, 1863. The proclamation stated that slaves in any state in rebellion against the Union would be freed if the states had not returned to the Union by Jan. 1, 1863. Nearly 180,000 black soldiers enlisted to fight the Confederates until the end of the war.

*Correction: History information is compiled by 57th Wing historians, office not the Air Warfare Center historian.*



## *Nellis News*

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### **Korean War veterans**

Team Nellis is organizing a retreat ceremony and luncheon for Korean War veterans. Anyone who took part in the Korean War can call Senior Airman Kelley McErlane at 249-1544 to ensure they are recognized at upcoming events.

### **Food Survey**

Parents with children enrolled in either the Child Development Center, Enrichment Center or Nellis Boys and Girls Club are required to fill out a food program survey during the month of September. The U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Program subsidizes the cost of the food program to reduce cost to parents. For more information, call CDC I at 652-4241, CDC II at 652-5885 or the Nellis Boys and Girls Club at 652-9307.

### **Enlisted Aide**

An enlisted aide position is available at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. Individuals with culinary experience are highly desired. However, if you possess a "can-do" attitude and have the ability to interact with senior officers, this position may be for you. Volunteers must be second term/career airmen in the grade of senior airman and above. For more information, call 652-9073.

### **Palace Chase/Palace Front opportunities**

Currently, there are openings in the Georgia Air National Guard. Positions include electronics, mechanics, communications, tactical air command and control specialists and air liaison officers. For more information, call 1-800-743-9231 or DSN 860-8004.

### **Childhood trauma support**

This new support group, designed to meet the needs of adult survivors of childhood trauma, is psychological-educational in scope. Anyone wanting to learn more about the long-term impact of childhood physical, emotional, and sexual abuse or neglect can attend. The goal is to remain proactive and positive while reducing the potential for ongoing negative impact from these experiences. For more information, call Ms. Paula Tracy at 653-3380.

### **Youth NFL punt, pass and kick competition**

Boys and girls ages 8 through 15 are eligible to participate in a punt, pass and kick competition 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Nellis Boys and Girls Club football field. Winners will advance to the sectionals. There is no cost to participate. Proof of age is required. Parents must sign a waiver. All equipment is provided. Each participant is allowed one punt, pass and kick. Girls and boys will compete separately. Preregister at the Nellis Boys & Girls Club, or register on the day of competition until 5:30 p.m. All participants must be present when the competition begins. For more information, call Mr. Bob Garcia at 652-9307.

### **Used book sale**

The American Red Cross is holding a used book sale at the Home and Garden Center Sept. 29 from noon to 6 p.m., Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Oct. 1 from noon to 6 p.m. A wide variety of books are available for sale. Donations of used books are being accepted at the Red Cross office in Bldg. 625. For more information, call 652-2106.

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### ***Thrift Shop special***

The Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and the first Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for consignments and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for sales. Tuesday special, fill a bag of red tag clothing for only \$2. The shop is also looking for volunteers. For more information, call 644-3777.

### ***Enlisted positions***

The 24th Special Tactics Squadron, Pope Air Force Base, N. C., is looking to fill special duty positions. The positions are two in life support, two in radio maintenance, two in parachute logistic support, one in vehicle maintenance, one operations resource manager and two information managers. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Brian Dostanko DSN 383-0153.

### ***Crosswinds Inn to reopen***

The Crosswinds Inn Dining Facility opens Oct. 2 at 11 a.m. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lunch. For more information, call 652-7255.

### ***Airman's Attic opens***

The Airman's Attic opens Thursday at 3:30 p.m. between the commissary and Thrift Shop. Everyone is invited to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony and take a tour. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

### ***99th Mission Support closure***

99th Mission Support Squadron, Building 20 is closing at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 29 for an official function. Customer Service will be minimum manned. All the offices have made arrangements for scheduled appointments. For more information, call Senior Airman Rebecca Barnett at 652-4064.

### ***Family housing trash and recycle pickup***

Trash pickup for family housing is Mondays and Thursdays. Recycling pickup is Oct. 9, Nov. 6 and 20, Dec. 4 and 18. For more information, call 652-3356.

**Free \$20 phone cards  
from the  
Air Force Aid Society**

***If you are deploying or  
going TDY for more than 30  
days, stop by the Family  
Support Center with your  
orders and get a free \$20  
worldwide phone card. For  
more information, call 652-  
3327.***



# Nellis Living

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## Base Theater 652-5020

### Show times

Unless otherwise indicated, all show times are 7 p.m. with Saturday matinees at 1 p.m. To subscribe to the email mailing list, send your requests to [angellm@lvcm.com](mailto:angellm@lvcm.com).

### Today

#### Scary Movie (R)

Shawn and Marlon Wayans

#### Saturday

#### Dinosaur (PG)

Live action animation  
(Extra matinee 1 p.m.)

#### Sunday, Monday

#### Coyote Ugly (PG-13)

Piper Perabo, Maria Bello

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**\*\*Theater is closed  
Tuesday and  
Wednesday\*\***

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### Thursday

#### Space Cowboys

#### (PG-13)

Clint Eastwood, Tommy Lee Jones

## Chapel 652-2950

### Weekly schedule:

#### Catholic worship

**Mass:** Monday through Friday: 11:30 a.m.

**Saturday:** Reconciliation, 4 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.

**Sunday:** Mass, 9:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

#### Protestant worship

**Sunday:** Gospel service, 8 a.m. Traditional service, 11:15 a.m.

### Classes/Activities

#### Religious Education

Classes begin Sunday for Catholics and Oct. 1 for Prot-

estants but registration is under way now. A registration box is located in the Chapel. For more information, call 652-7950.

**Singles** meet 6 to 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays at the Chapel Annex. For more information, call 644-6568.

**Officers' Christian Fellowship** has three home Bible studies. To find one near you, call 656-8707.

**Protestant Women of the Chapel** meets noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays. PWOC holds a meeting Tuesday at the Enlisted Club. For more information, call 453-3248.

**Men of the Chapel** begins meeting again Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel basement.

**Protestant Youth of the Chapel** meets Sundays at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel basement.

**"Lord, I need grace to make it"** is a study on the endless grace of God. Classes are Thursdays through Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to noon and 7 to 9 p.m. Information is provided after Chapel services. For more information, call 643-5981.

**Widows in the Neighborhood** monthly activities include lunches, local tours and attending performances. For more information, call 459-1324 or 453-4858.

**Bible Study** is Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel Annex. For more information, call 459-1324 or 453-4858.

## Base Library 652-4484

### Fire safety

Children ages 3 to 12 can learn fire safety on Tuesday at 10 a.m. Program is taught by representatives of the Nellis Fire Department. Smokey Bear and Sparky the Fire Dog will be there. Kids can listen to stories and see a real fire engine. The program is free and registration is required.

### Internet basics

Hand-on class for new Internet users will be conducted at the Base Library Sept. 30 at 10 a.m. Classes are free and limited to 12 people each.

## Community Center 652-5014

### Dog obedience class

Is your dog out of control? A six-week dog obedience class begins Oct. 5 at the Community Center. Cost is \$25. Call for more information.

## Family Support Center 652-3327

### Ready, Set, Grow

This class is for parents of children between the ages of 3 to 36 months. The class is Monday, 10 to 11 a.m. and designed for parents to join with other parents to reinforce parenting skills.

### In And Out Budget

Bring your Leave and Earnings Statement or other pay statements to organize a financial budget, Monday, 2 to 4 p.m.

### TAP

A 3-day workshop to help prepare for civilian life. Offered in conjunction with the Departments of Labor and Veterans Affairs for retiring or separating personnel. Registration is required for the workshop that runs Wednesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Golf Course 652-2602

### Thunderbird Nine

The Sunrise Vista Golf Course "Thunderbird Nine" nine-hole course opens Oct. 7 with a tournament. Entry fee is \$60 per player and includes green fee, cart, prizes and barbecue lunch. Deadline to enter is Sept. 30 or when the field is full.

## HAWC 653-3376

### American Heart Walk

The American Heart Walk is Oct. 14 at 8:30 a.m. The Health and Wellness Center is organizing a team for Nellis to participate in the noncompetitive 5K walk. For more information, call 653-3375.

### PACE

The class is Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m. and is designed to sustain and improve joint mobility, through gentle, voluntary exercise in a fun group setting.

## Nellis Boys and Girls Club 652-9307

### Baby-sitting Workshop

Babysitters ages 12-18 can learn skills in safety, CPR, first aid, decision making, and handling emergencies. Class is Oct. 3 through 5 at 4:30 p.m. For more information, call Sherry Franklin at 652-9307.

### Family swap meet

Plan to make a few extra dollars by selling those unused items at the swap meet Saturday and Oct. 7 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$15 per table and sellers keep all the sale proceeds. Sign up at the Nellis Boys and Girls Club.

### Youth flag football

Children ages 5-14 are encouraged to register for flag football at the Nellis Boys and Girls Club. Games begin in October. Cost is \$30 per person, plus the cost of an activity card. Current physical and proof of age are required. For more information, call Bob Garcia at 652-6019.

## Skills Development Center 652-2794

### Woodworking class

Beginning woodworking

class is Wednesday at 5 p.m. Classes run for six-consecutive weeks. Cost is \$35 plus materials, payable upon registration.

### Artist contest

Enter your arts and crafts in one of four categories: fine art, textiles, industrial, and multi-craft/pattern. Photography categories include: monochrome, color prints, color transparencies, and digital. Deadline for entries is Oct. 6. Contest is Oct 10. Pick up entry forms Tuesday. Call for more information.

## Tickets & Tours 652-2192

### 2 for 1 tickets

to the Mandalay Bay's "Little Feat" today at 8:30 p.m. and "Big Bad Voodoo Daddy" on Sept. 29 at 8:30 p.m. are two for \$25. Tickets are limited. Pick up a flier at Tickets and Tours and present it to the Mandalay Bay box office to take advantage of this offer.

### Black Watch Royal Highland Regiment

The drums, pipes and Highland dances of the 1st Battalion of the Black Watch, Royal Highland Regiment and the Band/Choir of the Prince of Wales' Division performs at the Thomas & Mack Center Oct. 3 at 8 p.m. Discounted tickets are available for \$22.50 and include parking.

### Price is Right/Universal Studios trip

Try your luck at a taping of "The Price is Right" or get a fill of adventure at Universal Studios. These two trips run simultaneously. Cost of "The Price is Right" tour is \$54 per person. Participants must be 18 to view the taping of the show. Cost for the Universal Studios tour is \$70 for adults and \$65 for children 3-11. Both prices include admission fee and transportation costs. The bus leaves Nellis Oct. 17. Deadline to sign up is Oct 7.